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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

Southern Command personnel handled 1288 crashes as compared to 1285 crashes in October of 2005 and there was no significant increase or decrease in total crashes. As compared to last year, crashes that resulted in fatalities increased 33.3%. In actual numbers, there were 12 fatal crashes in October 2006 and 9 fatal crashes in October 2005. The Southern Command preliminary documentation identified no significant increase or decrease in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes as compared to last year. Of the 63 commercial crashes investigated this month, there was 2 fatality; 11 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 50 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 4.8% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 1429 crash reports in October 2006. This resulted in 5731 crash reports being mailed out, 27.7% less than last year. There were 1260 visitors, requesting police services, to the Front Office which was an increase of 27.4% when compared to October 2005. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 26998 CAD incidents and approximately 33,600 telephone calls.

The Southern Command had an increase in overall traffic enforcement of 57.9% in October 2006, as compared to October 2005. This increase may be a result of the recent recruitment, hiring and training of new officers into the vacant officer positions here in the Southern Command. Total DUI arrests were up 95.3% as compared to last year. DUI's from crashes were up 80% as compared to October 2005. Occupant restraint violations were up 84.7% over October 2005.

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	October-06	October-05	% Change	September-06	% Change
Total crashes	1288	1285	0.2%	1257	2.5%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	959	982	-2.3%	931	3.0%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	317	294	7.8%	313	1.3%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	12	9	33.3%	13	-7.7%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	90	50	80.0%	47	91.5%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	13	13	0.0%	14	-7.1%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1	3	-66.7%	3	-66.7%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	2	-200.0%	3	-300.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	10	7	42.9%	3	233.3%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	2	1	100.0%	2	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	0	0.0%	3	-300.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	63	55	14.5%	78	-19.2%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	50	42	19.0%	70	-28.6%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	11	12	-8.3%	7	57.1%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	2	1	100.0%	1	100.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes .9 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 7.0%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 7.7%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes .3 %
- ✱ Total crashes up .2 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes up 14.5% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes up 33.3% compared to last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	October-06		October-05	% Change		September-06	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	90		50	80.0%		47	91.5%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	205		101	103.0%		221	-7.2%
Other arrests	958		814	17.7%		1244	-23.0%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	450		352	27.8%		508	-11.4%
Speed violations	3780		2364	59.9%		3945	-4.2%
Hazardous moving violations	2738		1728	58.4%		2423	13.0%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	798		432	84.7%		833	-4.2%
Total violations [above violations included]	12183		7715	57.9%		12065	1.0%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	73		49	49.0%		66	10.6%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	166		114	45.6%		252	-34.1%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	778		613	26.9%		815	-4.5%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	2		1	100.0%		0	200.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	341		199	71.4%		295	15.6%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1712		1,299	31.8%		1828	-6.3%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	105		45	133.3%		130	-19.2%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	54		35	54.3%		82	-34.1%
Total school buses inspected	270		233	15.9%		308	-12.3%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	42		41	2.4%		46	-8.7%
Total trucks weighed	915		64	1329.7%		1327	-31.0%
Total overweight citations	50		22	127.3%		61	-18.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	755		610	23.8%		637	18.5%
Total dyed fuel citations	3		1	200.0%		1	200.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	3		2		2
Safety Violations Citation	2		2		1
Safety Violations Repair Order	0		4		0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	2		0		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		0		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		0		0

OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.15%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 31.73 years old.
- ✱ 1% of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 1% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ✱ Traffic Enforcement is up 57.9% from last year and up 1.0% from last month.
- ✱ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement is up 49.0% from last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle inspections are up 26.9 % from last year.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	Oct-06		Oct-05	% Change		Sept-06	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	313,013		108,839	187.6%		205,592	52.2%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	1,108,861		281,229	294.3%		973,995	13.8%
CAD Incidents	26,998		22,616	19.4%		25,768	4.8%
Telephone Calls	33,619		34,023	-1.2%		32,004	5.0%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	36		123	-70.7%		40	-10.0%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	1429		1289	10.9%		1109	28.9%
Arrest Reports Processed	413		373	10.7%		497	-16.9%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	16		36	-55.6%		3	433.3%
Vehicle Impound Releases	135		99	36.4%		84	60.7%
Visitors at Counter	1260		989	27.4%		1040	21.2%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	5731		7928	-27.7%		5608	2.2%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	365		380	-3.9%		264	38.3%
Warrants Entered	411		31	1225.8%		253	62.5%
Warrants Cleared	278		130	113.8%		198	40.2%
Warrants Validated	1244		1449	-14.1%		1595	-22.0%
Extradition / Transports	12		8	50.0%		12	0%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	82		81	1.2%		83	-1.2%
New Items Submitted	135		134	0.7%		143	-5.6%
Items Disposed	13		20	-35.0%		71	-81.7%

***Information is received from a private entity and they have identified problems within their calculations.

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 89.0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 8.5 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 2.4 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Compliance Enforcement Division is responsible for 0% of case submissions.

PUBLIC INFORMATION**Public Requests for Information: 325**

26 were forwarded to Traffic Sgts, commendations and complaints
299 were general questions from the public to include NRS questions, traffic citations and how to obtain an accident report

Press releases: 13

10 were fatality related, 2 were officer involved shooting and 1 was related to false phone solicitations.

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE INCOMING AIRMAN'S BRIEFING:

Personnel reporting to Nellis Air Force Base were presented a class on Nevada traffic laws with special emphasis on seat belt safety and the dangers of driving while intoxicated. October 10 & 31, 2006.

HEAT PROGRAM: TRAFFIC SAFETY CLASSES:

The HEAT program has had another successful month with educating the community. Several Troopers checked out the Camaro and HEAT truck to take to several schools throughout the valley to talk to the students about seat belt safety. We were also honored to lead a driving safety and DUI awareness session for the driver's education teachers from the Clark County School District. The HEAT program also had the opportunity to address the Nevada Professional Driving School Association and made itself available to each individual school.

HEAT RACING CONTINUED:

The HEAT involvement with the Midnight Mayhem series continues to be a hit with all participants. Good community turnout with a great chance to meet with many of the teen "racers". October 13, 2006.

DRIVER'S EDGE:

The Driver's Edge program picked up right where it left off in Southern Nevada. All 4 sessions were filled to capacity. The H.E.A.T. Program delivered its driving safety message to 595 parents and teens. The topics for discussion include seatbelt safety, common crash causing violations, and "under the influence of" driving (cell phones, fatigue, passengers, etc as well as drugs and alcohol). October 14 & 15, 2006

COURAGE TO LIVE PROGRAM:

The HEAT program welcomes another positive addition to the NHP. The Courage to Live Program will provide an educational presentation as well as an open discussion forum for adults and parents of middle school and high school students throughout the Las Vegas Valley. We are still in the planning stages and plan to hit at least 2 middle schools in the spring.

DPS EXPLORERS PROGRAM:

The HEAT program is in the process of putting another strong tool in the shed of the Nevada Department of Public Safety. Preliminary talks have begun with the Boy Scouts in an attempt to re-start and Explorer Program. The program will be run under the care of the Training Division. This promises to be a very positive addition to the DPS.